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The Amendments received in the USPTO on 26 June 2001 is acknowledged. The First Office Action for this Application was mailed on 25 June 2001. The Amendments will be entered. Because the Amendments are not responsive to the First Office Action, the Amendments will be addressed upon Applicant's response to the First Office Action.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BJ Forman, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 306-5878. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays from 7:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached at (703) 308-1152. The official FAX phone number for this group is (703) 308-4242. The unofficial FAX number is (703) 308-8742. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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Re: Our ref: 0221-0003OC
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Dear Ms. Webb:

Per our telephone conversation earlier today, enclosed please find a check (#11543) in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the independent claim charge for the above-referenced matter. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,


Sharon S. Goode

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